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REMARKS

Claims 301-310 and 322-333 are pending in the Application. Claims 301, 303 and 304 are amended. Claims 302 and 311-321 are cancelled. Claims 322-333 are added. Support for the amendment and new claims may be found throughout the specification and drawings as filed. Attached hereto is a marked-up version titled "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

The Examiner has required election between Group I, Claims 301-310 and Group II, Claims 311-321. Applicant elects Group I with traverse. The Applicant has also cancelled Claims 302 and 311-321 and filed new Claims 322-333. The new claims are also drawn to methods of combating microbial infection, and therefore are believed to be examinable with the claims of Group I.

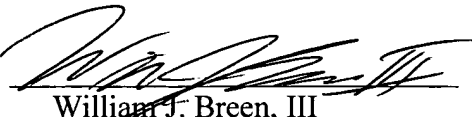
CONCLUSION

In light of the forgoing, reconsideration and allowance of the claims is earnestly solicited.

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301. (Amended) A method of combating microbial infection in animals comprising orally administering to said animals a prophylactic or therapeutic amount of an animal comestible composition comprising a medicated supplement prepared by culturing an organism producing an antibiotic in a fermentation medium to produce a fermentation broth; reducing said fermentation broth to obtain fermentation solids comprising said antibiotic; drying said filtration solids to produce a dry solid; and granulating said dry solid to produce granulated fermentation solids comprising uncompacted granules having a substantially uniform particle size, wherein the granules have an antimicrobial concentration sufficient to treat an animal of at least 10 g/lb.

303. (Amended) The method as described in claim [302]301, wherein the granules have an antimicrobial concentration to about 300 g/lb.

304. (Amended) The method as described in claim [302]301, wherein the granules have an antimicrobial concentration to about 200 g/lb.